

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-4 and 6-27 are pending in the application, of which Claims 6-12, 16-18, 22-24, and 27 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-4, 13-15, 25, and 26 are allowed. Claims 19 and 20 stand rejected. In the present response, Claim 19 is amended. Reconsideration of Claims 19 and 20 is respectfully requested based on the following remarks.

### **Election/Restriction**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that Claims 13-15, 19, 20, 25, and 26 are rejoined and noting that the restriction requirement of Species 1(a), (b), (c), and (d) as set forth in the Office Action of January 12 is withdrawn.

### **Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102**

Claims 19-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,936,844 to Yamazaki et al. ("Yamazaki").

Claim 19 is patentable over Yamazaki because it recites "a pixel electrode directly connected to the channel layer and insulated from the second electrode..." As shown in FIG. 25 of the Application, the pixel electrode 218a is directly connected to the channel layer 212 through the contact hole 215b. In contrast, Yamazaki's FIGs. 4A, 4B, and 5 show pixel electrodes 170, 171 that are indirectly connected to the channel layer 213, 214 via the drain wiring 165.

For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully submit independent Claim 19 and Claims 20 and 21 that depend therefrom are patentable.

### Conclusion

In view of the remarks set forth above, it is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Authorization is given to charge any fees due or credit any overpayments in regard to this communication to deposit account 50-5029. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, a telephone call to the undersigned at (408) 331-1672 is welcomed and encouraged.

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